I AM: The Greatest Battle of Your Life

Series Introduction

I call this an "intervention" series. An intervention as I use it here is an attempt to make a change in personal behavior at a specific time in a person's life. When my youngest son turned 16, he was very



anxious to get a job and begin his own life. I was concerned that he would forget about the value of an education with money in his pocket. But several months of cleaning the restrooms and stocking inventory at a local retail store opened his eyes. It was an "intervention" moment in his life. I was

thrilled when he decided to go to college, even if he didn't think he would learn anything new!

Recently my wife and I were given the "opportunity" to lead a group of middle school students during our church's Wednesday night program. If you have ever taught this age group (11 - 13 years old) or if you have children in this age group, then you surely know how frustrating and "wild" they can be at times. The reality, however, is that this time in their lives will greatly determine the path they will follow in life. Sadly, many will turn to the destructive forces in the world seeking fun, wealth, and power.

If, as Christian disciples, we are to reach the next generation, this age group is the critical target. This is the age group for an "intervention". I hope this series provides the "intervention" that will result in the desired behavior change of your middle school youth ... specifically a young life dedicated to Christ.

"Change" is a popular concept now. But knowing what we are changing to is as important as changing. Middle School students are changing rapidly: physically, mentally, and emotionally. What they are changing to is often determined by peers, television, movies, family, and sports. Having spent most of my career developing and implementing corporate change, the opportunity to teach this age group, I believe, is an intervention from God in my own life. So, with God's help and inspiration, I present you with an "intervention opportunity" in the lives of 11-13 year olds. Together, let's put these young people on the path to God's Dream for their lives.

This course is part of a larger series called "I Am: The Greatest Battle". The first three books, "Dudley's Cave and the Circle of Fire" are provided in this website. The next course is "The Lost Jewels". In this second course teens will journey to many parts of the world in search of the "High Priest Jewels" lost by Dudley in book three, "In Search of Elijah". The purpose of the second course is team building and relationship building, plus a little courage!